



Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter November 2023

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Did you know?

From an article in the Monte Vista Journal by: Rebecca Copley posted Sep 30, 2020

Monte Vista is home to many beautiful and historic buildings including its post office. With its stately white columns, and wooden framed glass doors it almost makes you feel like you've walked back in time. The cornerstone of the two-story, red bricked, post office was set in 1932. The building it is said was built as a part of the WPA (Work in Progress Administration) during the Great Depression. The cost to build it was

\$150,000.

Today the old original P.O. boxes are still used by the community of Monte Vista. It's fun to wonder about the history those boxes have held over the last 88 years. How many love letters, or newspapers bearing headlines about historic events such as WWII passed through them?

The current post office is not Monte Vista's first post office. According to the history book by Emma M. Riggenschmidt entitled: "A Bridge to Yesterday," Monte Vista's first postmaster was Henry G. Henderson and he was appointed to the position when the town was still called Lariat, on Aug. 5, 1881. The book does not say where the post office was located at that time, but his successor was Lillian Loretta Taylor. Taylor was given the job on Jan. 24, 1882. She served as the postmistress throughout three name changes for the town, as it went from Lariat to Henry to finally Monte Vista.

"Her first post office was in her frame store building in an area where Fullenwider Park is located. This was in 1882, when the town was called Lariat. That year she became the wife of Charles Fassett and in 1885 moved to the frame store building on First and Adams Street. The post office was housed in the back of the store. The town of Lariat was renamed Henry. She was appointed first postmistress when Henry became Monte Vista in 1886," writes Riggenschmidt in her book.

In 1887 Fassett resigned from her position as the postmistress. Afterward the post office moved across the street to the north side of First Avenue to the Weiss Chapman Drug Store. John Heilman was then appointed postmaster.

The post office was moved again and was placed on First Avenue where the Monte Vista Bank was later located. It was at that location for many years, until in 1912 when a fire broke out in the building. The post office was then moved to a red brick building on Jefferson Street.

Finally, it was moved to its current location when they began construction on the building in 1932. Eight-eight years later it still serves its community of Monte Vista. Today the Monte Vista postal employees make 3,663 stops on their mail routes.

A special thanks to the Monte Vista post office for their help with this article.

Business of the Month:

The Sunflour Café

SUNFLOUR BAKERY

Phone: (719) 852-6945

Address: 278 N Hwy 285 - Monte Vista, CO

Welcome to The Sunflour Cafe! We are a family owned cafe that is open for breakfast and lunch. We specialize in homemade comfort food. We make all our own bread for sandwiches and for toast. Our potatoes that we serve are grown here in the valley. We offer cinnamon rolls that are soft and smothered in homemade frosting, pecan rolls with a caramel sauce and pies. Lots of fruit pies and cream pies. Our fruit pies are made from fresh fruit and our cream pies are made from scratch. We have specials everyday for breakfast and lunch. For Thanksgiving and Christmas we are taking orders for all your baking needs. We also offer a turkey or ham dinner with all the fixings as well. We would love to catering your holiday events, big or small. Stop by an see us Mon - Fri 7-2 and Sat 7-12

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Crane silhouettes are now available for sponsorship for the 2024 Swoop of the Cranes! [Click here to visit the Crane Swoop website](#) for more details.

Women business owners located in the San Luis Valley, Southwestern and Southern Colorado, join us for four **FREE** engaging Zoom workshops, brought to you by the Rural Women-Led Business Fund.

**PARTICIPANTS
ELIGIBLE TO APPLY
FOR A SEED GRANT!***



WORKSHOP 1: Budgeting and Pricing Strategies for Success, Part 1 of 2

*Presented by Jessi Burg
Owner of Outgrow Your Garage*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2023
12:00PM-1:30PM**

In Part 1, we'll equip you with techniques to strategically price your services, enabling you to charge confidently and effectively communicate. You will leave with new knowledge on how to establish consistent pricing to create a strong foundation for your business success!



Visit bit.ly/46wzFHX or scan QR code to register.



WORKSHOP 2: Budgeting and Pricing Strategies for Success, Part 2 of 2

*Presented by Jessi Burg
Owner of Outgrow Your Garage*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2023
12:00PM-1:30PM**

In Part 2, we'll guide you through crafting an effective budget, understanding your expenses and revenue, and how to use your budget and pricing to plan for the future. A key part of this workshop will focus on how to "play" with your numbers to see how changes in one area of your business will affect your long term goals. Come prepared with your financial documents from last year!



Visit bit.ly/3tHNzQP or scan QR code to register.



WORKSHOP 3: POS systems/ACH Payments

*Presented by Ginelle Curincita
Owner of OroMar Consulting*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023
12:00PM-1:30PM**

In this workshop, we will discuss different options to collect payments for your business, and review their merchant fees/hidden costs.



Visit bit.ly/3rZ0mEv or scan QR code to register.



WORKSHOP 4: GRANTS: Free money for your business!

*Presented by Ginelle Curincita
Owner of OroMar Consulting*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023
12:00PM-1:30PM**

In this workshop, participants will learn key information for applying for grants for their business. We will identify the documents and questions needed to apply.



Visit bit.ly/45z20MF or scan QR code to register.

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*Participants who attend 3 of the 4 workshops will be eligible to apply for up to \$2,000 in grant funding (smaller requests will be given more consideration). Applications will be reviewed by our Rural Women-Led Business Fund Grant Committee.





11/10/2023

Parade to honor
VETERANS DAY

**MONTE VISTA,
COLORADO, USA
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH**

★ *Free Entry* ★

**PARADE STARTS AT 10 AM. BRING FLOAT AND
CAR ENTRIES TO THE STARS & STRIKES
BOWLING ALLEY 1020 2ND AVE**

JOIN US FOR OUR CEREMONY HONORING OUR
VETERANS AFTER THE PARADE AT FAITH
HINKEY MEMORIAL PARK





HOLIDAY "STUFF" DRIVE



Nov 1 - Dec 15

VISIT MVCOOP.COM FOR
DONATION GUIDELINES

Donation drop off at the
Monte Vista Coop Main
Office in Monte Vista!
All donations will be given
to Hope & Home Foster
Families!

Questions:
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For more details, visit our [Holiday Bazaar website](#) and be sure to visit our [Facebook](#) for event updates!



HOLIDAY BAZAAR SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

\$750 VIP HOLIDAY BAZAAR EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Exclusive marketing for your company in the San Luis Valley and outside the San Luis Valley on all event flyers that will be published to over 30,000 viewers for the event. Your company name will be featured in all marketing publications, social media mentions, radio mentions before and during the event. Your company will be featured on the home page of the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce website as the "Business of the Month" in the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Newsletter during the month of your choice.

\$500 SANTA & THE GRINCH IN WHOVILLE SPONSORSHIP

Your company logo will be displayed at the entrance to the Santa and The Grinch photo areas at the Holiday Bazaar. Your company logo will be displayed on a banner at the Holiday Bazaar, social media mentions before and during the event, radio mentions.

\$300 CINDY LOU WHO SPONSORSHIP

Your company logo will be displayed on a banner at the Holiday Bazaar, social media mentions before and during the event, and radio mentions.

\$150 MAX THE REINDEER SPONSORSHIP

Your company logo displayed on banner at the Holiday Bazaar.



Please make checks payable to the
Monte Vista Chamber of
Commerce or submit payment at
montevistachamber.org

Interested in sponsoring this event? Contact the Monte Vista Chamber or one of the committee members!

Questions or seeking information? - Click the buttons on the right-hand side to view more information about Monte Vista as well as various local events in

*Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce
Facebook*

*Monte Vista Chamber of
Commerce*

The next Monte Vista Chamber board meeting Thursday, November 30th at 7 AM.

Member Updates



We hope you decide to move messages from the Monte Vista Chamber to your Primary tab from the Promotions tab. By doing so, all future emails from us should be delivered to the Primary tab. Thanks!

**CHECK OUT
MEMBERSHIP
BENEFITS HERE!**

New Members:

- Genesis Connection Ltd
- Genesis Wellspring Ltd
- High Mountain Ag
- Pareidolia Gallery

Renewing Members:

- Wenta Nip & Sanitizing, LLC
- Bobolicious Gourmet Coffee

Do you have an event in the San Luis Valley that you would like to add to our website? Please click the button below to fill out an Event Submission Form with as much information as possible. We will add the event to the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce website as soon as possible and will contact you if we have any further questions about the event.

Thank you!

Event Submission Form